

News Desk

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SUPERTRAMP FOR READING

It was learned on Monday that Supertramp are returning to Britain next month specially to appear in the Reading Festival. One more American act has still to be confirmed for the Reading line-up, and there is a possibility that — following their successful gig at Knebworth last weekend — this will be the Steve Miller Band.



Wishbone's ANDY POWELL

WISHBONE ASH have now been officially confirmed as one of the main attractions for this year's Reading Festival during August Bank Holiday weekend, as forecast by NME four weeks ago.

Top new American band, the Ozark Mountain Daredevils, make their British debut at the event — and the Mahavishnu Orchestra are flying in specially to take part. Other new bookings include Soft Machine, Caravan and Renaissance. And Hawkwind's appearance is now finalised for the opening night. With one or two last-minute acts still to be added, the line-up comprises:

FRIDAY, August 22: Hawkwind, Dr. Feelgood, Kokomo, Joan Armatrading, Wally, UFO and Judas Priest.

SATURDAY, August 23: Yes, Supertramp, Ozark Mountain Daredevils, Thin Lizzy, Kursaal Flyers, Smetu, Alan Stivell, Zzebra, String Driven Thing and Alberto y Los Trios Pernolas.

SUNDAY, August 24: Wishbone Ash, Mahavishnu Orchestra, Soft Machine, Caravan, Climax Blues Band, Heavy Metal Kids, Richard & Linda Thompson, Renaissance and Babe Ruth.

Tickets for the entire event are priced at £5.50, including camping and parking, but this price can only be guaranteed for applications received by next Wednesday (16). Cheques should be made payable to the National Jazz Federation Ltd. and forwarded, with a stamped addressed envelope, to P.O. Box 48, London W1A 4SQ.

The appearance of Wishbone, Mahavishnu, Softs, Renaissance and Climax Blues at Reading is the only British date of BTM's "Startruckin' '75" European package tour. Plans for the package were first reported by NME in May, though subsequently Mahavishnu have replaced the Average White Band in the line-up. The tour is playing big festival sites in 13 European countries, starting in Copenhagen on August 5 and finishing in Belgrade on August 31 — playing to an estimated aggregate audience of 300,000.

● Ozark Mountain Daredevils will, in addition to their gig at Reading, undertake two other British dates next month. Venues have not yet been confirmed.